



# BOILED WATER

Listen to local officials to know if water is safe

## Boiling Water:

- Bring tap water to a rolling boil for 1-2 minutes.
- Let the water cool and pour into clean container.

## Disinfecting Water:

- If you are unable to boil your water, disinfect it instead.
- **If water is clear**
  - Add 1/8 teaspoon of *unscented bleach* to 1 gallon of water.
  - Mix well and wait 30 minutes before drinking.
  - Store disinfected water in clean container with a cover.
- **If water is cloudy**
  - Filter water using a clean cloth.
  - Add 1/4 teaspoon of *unscented bleach* to 1 gallon of water.
  - Mix well and wait 30 minutes before drinking.
- **Water filters:** Boil tap water even if it is filtered. Most household water filters do not remove bacteria.

## Using Water:

- **Preparing and cooking food**
  - Wash fruits and vegetables, and cooking surfaces with bottled water or boiled water that has cooled.
  - Use boiled water when preparing coffee, tea, and other drinks.
- **Feeding babies and using formula**
  - If you must prepare formula, boil water (tap or bottled water) for 1-2 minutes and let cool (for infants, 0 to 3 months of age).
  - Wash and sterilize bottles and nipples before use.
- **Cleaning and bathing**
  - Do not swallow any water when bathing or showering and do not allow children to swallow water.
  - Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water.
- **Washing dishes**
  - Dishwashers are safe to use because they sanitize dishes at a high temperature.
  - To wash by hand, wash and rinse dishes using hot water. In another tub, add 1 teaspoon of unscented bleach to 1 gallon of water, and soak dishes for 1 minute. Let air dry completely.
- **Pets need clean water, too! Give them cooled, boiled water or bottled water.**

**Protect your family. Protect yourself. Use safe water!**